

### **Amendments to the Claims**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims:**

1. (currently amended) A media selection system comprising a coupler mounted on a plunge assembly of a cartridge retrieving device, the coupler slidably engaging a channel formed behind a tab portion of a storage medium as the cartridge retrieving device moves relative to the storage medium.
2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the cartridge retrieving device moves relative to the storage medium by moving the cartridge retrieving device.
3. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the cartridge retrieving device moves relative to the storage medium by moving the storage medium.
4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the cartridge retrieving device moves relative to the storage medium by moving both the cartridge retrieving device and the storage medium.
5. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a mating coupler provided on the storage medium, the coupler engaging the mating coupler.
6. (currently amended) A media selection system comprising a coupler mounted on a plunge assembly of a cartridge retrieving device, the coupler slidably engaging a storage

medium as the cartridge retrieving device moves relative to the storage medium.~~The system of claim 1,~~ wherein the coupler includes a head portion, the head portion sliding into a channel formed behind tab portions on the storage medium to engage the storage medium.

7. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the coupler includes a disc-shaped head portion, the disc-shaped head portion sliding into a channel formed behind tab portions on the storage medium to engage the storage medium.

8. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the coupler includes a neck portion and a head portion, the neck portion moving the head portion into an enlarged channel formed on the storage medium to engage the storage medium.

9. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the storage medium is selected from the group consisting of removable hard disk drives, optical media, and magnetic tape media.

10. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a control system operatively associated with the cartridge retrieving device to control movement of the cartridge retrieving device.

11. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a control system to position the cartridge retrieving device based on computer-readable instructions.

12. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the coupler is mounted stationary on the plunge assembly.

13. (currently amended) A method comprising:

moving a cartridge retrieving device proximate a storage medium in a storage system;

slidably engaging the-a storage medium with a coupler extending from the cartridge retrieving device as the cartridge retrieving device moves relative to the storage medium; and

transporting the storage medium in the storage system with the cartridge retrieving device.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising sliding the coupler into a channel formed behind a tab on the storage medium~~engaging a storage medium with a stationary coupler on the cartridge retrieving device.~~

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising moving the-a coupler into a channel behind a portion of the storage medium in order~~on the cartridge receiving device into a channel formed in the storage medium~~ to engage the storage medium.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising moving the-a coupler on the cartridge receiving device out of a partially enclosed channel formed in the storage medium to disengage the storage medium.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising releasing the storage medium as the coupler of the cartridge retrieving device slides out of engagement with a channel being at least partially enclosed in the storage medium.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising engaging a disc-shaped head of the coupler with a channel formed in-a mating coupler on the storage medium.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein engaging a storage medium comprises sliding a disc-shaped coupler on the cartridge receiving device into an enlarged area formed behind a portion of a housing of-in the storage medium.

20. (original) A system comprising:

means for transporting a storage medium in a storage system; and  
means for slidably engaging a storage medium as the means for transporting the storage medium moves relative to the storage medium in the storage system.

21. (original) The system of claim 20, further comprising means for slidably releasing the storage medium as the means for transporting the storage medium moves relative to the storage medium in the storage system.